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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MILITARY AID TO ZAIRE

1. THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS HAVE NOW BEEN MADE REGARDING OUR AID TO ZAIRE:

(A) AIRCRAFT SPARES (STATE 32537) MUST BE CALCULATED IN THE TOTAL 3.84 MILLION DOLLARS APPROVED FOR DISBURSEMENT UNDER TQ AND FY 1977 FUNDS. VALUE OF SPARES IS ESTIMATED CONFIDENTIAL

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BETWEEN 1.07 AND 1.25 MILLION DOLLARS, INCLUDING 1 MILLION DOLLARS IN POL. THIS LEAVES ABOUT 1.7 MILLION FOR BALANCE OF AID REQUESTS.

(B) ESTIMATED 21,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF C-RATIONS WILL BE LOADED ABOARD MAC FLIGHT, APRIL 19, (TOGETHER WITH PONCHOS, WHICH YOU NOW INDICATE ARE URGENT).

(C) WE CANNOT AUTHORIZE USE OF FMS FUNDS FOR CHARTER OF EITHER U.S. OR FOREIGN AIRCRAFT. MOREOVER, WE SHOULD DISCOURAGE ZAIRE FROM CHARTERING U.S. AIRCRAFT (IF THEY SHOULD BE SO INCLINED). WE WILL NOT TAKE STEPS, HOWEVER, TO DISCOURAGE OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FROM CHARTERING AIRCRAFT FOR SHIPMENTS TO ZAIRE.

D) WE ARE LOOKING INTO AVAILABILITY OF M-16 MAGAZINES IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

- 2. WE CALCULATE THAT VALUE OF RESIDUAL ITEMS (EXCLUSIVE OF C-RATIONS) WILL AMOUNT TO ESTIMATED DOLLARS 1.47 MILLION AS FOLLOWS: MEDICINES (80,000 DOLLARS), ASSOC. INDUSTRY RADIOS (1.06 MILLION DOLLARS), COMMO SPARES (33,000 DOLLARS), IGNITION KITS (13,000 DOLLARS), AUXILIARY POWER UNITS (12,000 DOLS), TRUCK AND JEEP SPARES (60,000 DOLS), FUEL BLADDERS (15,000 DOLS), TENTS (140,000 DOLS), PONCHOS (39,000 DOLS). RACAL 931 RADIO SYSTEMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN U.S.
- 3. PER CUTLER-BUCHANAN TELECON, WE PLAN TO USE BALANCE OF MONIES I.E. AROUND 300,000 DOLS TO SHIP C-RATIONS FROM EUROPE. THIS WOULD MEAN PROVIDING RATIONS FOR APPROXIMATELY 2500 AS OPPOSED TO REQUESTED 5000 SOLDIERS FOR 30 DAYS. THERE IS OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN C-RATIONS AT LOWER COST FROM STOCKS IN EUROPE, AND COME CLOSER TO MEETING YOUR ORIGINAL REQUEST.

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- 4. DOD ADVISES THAT, FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS, THEY MUST PROCESS MEDICAL SUPPLIES AS AMENDMENT TO FMS CASE MBB RPT MBB. GOZ SHOULD AUTHORIZE ACTING MILITARY ATTACHE TO SIGN AMENDMENT.
- 5. IN SUMMARY, WE HAVE REQUESTED 747 MONDAY APRIL 25, IF AVAILABLE. WE WILL SHIP ITEMS IN PARA 2 ABOVE ON THIS FLIGHT. WE WILL ALSO SHIP COCA COLA ON SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS PROVIDED IT IS CLEAR THAT GOZ HAS PAID FOR IT. COMBAT RATIONS WILL BE SHIPPED FROM EUROPE ON TWO SPACED 747 FLIGHTS, IN VIEW OF BULK AND YOUR REQUEST THAT THEY BE SENT INCREMENTALLY. VANCE

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